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FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2578

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: REPORTED MASSACRE OF NATIVE POPULATION BY UNITA

1. IN AN UNUSAL PRESS RELEASE HIGH COMMAND OF PORTUGUESE ARMED
FORECES STATES THAT, IN WEEK BEFORE LISBON COUP, FORCES OF
UNITA COMMITTED THREE SEPARATE MASSACRES OF NATIVES IN WIDELY
SEPARATED VILLAGES IN ANGOLA. STORY STATES THAT 34 BLACK ANGOLANS
WERE KILLED AND MANY WOUNDED. FIVE SOLDIERS AND SIX BLACKS WERE
ALSO WOUNDED WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED RETRIEVE BOOBY-TRAPPED BODIES.
MOST BODIES WERE BADLY MUTILATED. NO MILITARY UNITS WERE
ATTACKED.

2. LOCATION OF MASSACRES GIVEN AS VILLAGES NEAR CANGUMBE AND
CANGONGA, BOTH ON BENGUELA RR BETWEEN LUSO AND SILVA PORTO AND
UNNAMED ALDEIA 75 KM NORTHWEST OF LUSO.

3. RELIABLE SOURCE AT HIGH COMMAND TELLS US ARMY BELIEVES
UNITA'S PURPOSE WAS TO TERRORIZE NATIVE POPULATION INTO PROVIDING
SUPPORT TO UNITA IN FUTURE.

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4. THIS IS THIRD REPORTED UNITA ACTION IN 1974, REPRESENTING
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER PAST FEW YEARS AND PROBABLY REFLECT-
ING NEW-FOUND LATITUDE SINCE RIVAL MPLA UNITS WITHDRAWN IN EAST.
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